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Applicants : Shigeyoshi HIRASHIMA et al.

Serial No. : 09/894,689

For : CONNECTION APPARATUS, CONNECTING METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM FOR STORING
COMPUTER-READABLE PROGRAM HAVING CONNECTING FUNCTIONS

Filed : June 27, 2001

Examiner : King Y. Poon

Art Unit : 2625

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	9	Minus	** = 20	*0x	\$50 (25)	=\$0
Independent claims	3	Minus	*** = 3	*0x	\$200 (100)	=\$0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0

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- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the ___ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefore. This is a petition to request a ___ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
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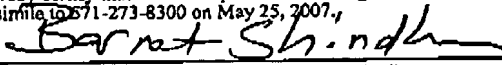

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SOURCE OVER A NETWORK TO A PREDETERMINED
DESTINATION, CONNECTING METHOD, AND STORAGE
MEDIUM FOR STORING COMPUTER-READABLE
PROGRAM HAVING CONNECTING FUNCTIONS (AS
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 27, 2007, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on June 27, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.